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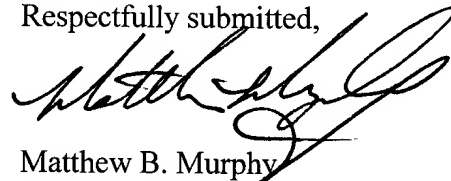
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REMARKS

Applicants request the above amendment to correct a typographical error. A marked version of the amended paragraph is submitted herewith as Appendix A. Applicant also submits herewith a new Declaration because the original Declaration also included the same typographical error.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for early examination, and action toward that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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APPENDIX A

MARKED VERSION OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPH

On page 1, line 8:

This application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/859,962, filed May 17, 2001[**May 15, 2001**], and Provisional U.S. Patent Application Nos. 60/222,491, filed August 2, 2000 and 60/276,731, filed March 16, 2001. The entire disclosure of each of these applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.